

April 29, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS
(4 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve an Appropriation Adjustment to add \$50,000 to Services and Supplies fully offset by revenue received for the California Highway Patrol Public Contact Demographic Data Collection Project;
2. Approve an Appropriation Adjustment to add \$2,561,000 in Services and Supplies fully offset by revenue received for the Los Angeles Regional Crime Information System (LARCIS);
3. Approve an Appropriation Adjustment to add \$170,000 in Services and Supplies for police equipment and the upgrade of a fueling system, fully offset by revenue received; and
4. Approve an Appropriation Adjustment to add \$433,000 in Services and Supplies fully offset by Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction and Community Re-integration of Mentally Ill Offenders (MIOCR-CROMIO) grant revenue.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The requested actions will allocate appropriation to fund various law enforcement services offset by revenue currently placed in a trust account and to be received from the State of California.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The requested actions will implement Strategic Plan Goal Number 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by properly adjusting the Sheriff's budget to reflect additional revenue and related expenditures.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Highway Patrol Public Contact Demographic Data Collection Project

Allegations that law enforcement officers practice "racial profiling" by engaging in racially or ethnically motivated traffic stops have increased over the past decade. In response to the public's concern, Governor Gray Davis appropriated \$5 million in 2001-02 from the State budget to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies participating in the project, specifically for offsetting costs incurred in the collecting and reporting of traffic stop data to discern racial profiling.

In 2001-02, the Sheriff's Department was awarded \$425,000 for Data Collection. Due to the late receipt of funds and an approved spending plan, the grant was placed in a trust account. This action will allocate \$50,000 for the current fiscal year to implement the initial phase of the project. The balance of \$375,000 will remain in trust for 2003-04.

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Los Angeles Regional Crime Information System (LARCIS)

LARCIS, a relational database system which replaced the mainframe Event Index application, is the primary repository for data collected through the reporting process by patrol officers and detectives. LARCIS provides statistical information for Federal and State Uniform Crime Reporting in support of all police agencies throughout the County.

In 2001-02, \$2,561,000 of LARCIS grant revenue was received and placed in a trust account to allow time for the Department to bring on board and put into place the proper personnel to implement the web-enabled phase of the LARCIS Project. The plan was to move from a client-server environment to a web-based environment, which enables all users, regardless of their agency affiliation, to be more productive by providing them with more data, intuitive user interfaces, an ability to run sophisticated inquiries without the need to write custom code, and receive more accurate returns as a result of the cleaner and more complete data stored in LARCIS. The requested action will transfer funds, previously placed in a trust account, to reimburse the Department's general fund advancement.

Special Enforcement Bureau and Temple Station

The Emergency Services Detail has been utilizing a 1973 Skipjack patrol boat and trailer. Due to the Skipjack's age, condition, and increasing maintenance problems, the boat was sold for \$10,000 at auction. The proceeds from the sale will be used specifically for outfitting the new grant-purchased Emergency Services Detail boat and to purchase a trailer.

In addition, the Bureau accepted a donation of \$185,000 from an anonymous donor in Fiscal Year 2001-02, to be used exclusively for the purchase of police equipment for the Special Enforcement Bureau. This donation was put into a trust account in 2001-02. This action will allocate \$50,000 of the donation to complete the outfitting of the new boat.

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In late 2001-02, the City of Bradbury contributed \$59,000 to the Sheriff's Department to be used exclusively for Temple Sheriff's Station police supplies and equipment. Only \$9,000 of the contribution was spent in 2001-02. This action will allocate the balance of \$50,000 for the current fiscal year.

On behalf of Aero Bureau, \$60,000 will be allocated to fund the repair and upgrade of the Barley Flats fueling system which is fully offset by revenue received in 2001-02.

MIOCR-CROMIO

In 1998, the State Legislature established the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction grant program to reduce jail overcrowding, crime, and criminal justice costs related to mentally ill offenders. The program is administered by the Board of Corrections through a competitive grant process. In order to achieve project goals and objectives and to secure services provided by the Mental Health and Probation Departments, the requested action will appropriate awarded MIOCR grant funds in the amount of \$433,000 for the continuation of the crime reduction program.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The requested actions are fully offset by revenue.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The requested actions will provide funding, fully offset by revenue, to allow the Sheriff's Department to meet its obligatory and operational requirements.

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CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return an adopted copy of the Board letter to the Sheriff's Department, Administrative Services Division Headquarters, Financial Programs Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

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SHERIFF

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(Administrative Services Division-Financial Programs Bureau)

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